

IN THE  
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Miller et al.

Confirmation No.: 9497

Application No.: 10/061,836

Examiner: Ahmed, S.

Filing Date: Jan. 31, 2002

Group Art Unit: 1765

Title: Methods and Systems for Forming Slots in a Substrate

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TOTAL CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$86	\$ 0
[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$290	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$420.00	3RD MONTH \$950.00	4TH MONTH \$1480.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

20        This communication is in response to the Office Action dated 2/26/04, for  
which a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set for 5/26/04.  
Please amend the above-identified application in accordance the directions set  
forth below.

25        **Amendment to the Claims** are reflected on the list of claims which  
begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.